

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 17 and 19-26 of the application stand rejected while Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16 and 18 are objected to as being dependant on rejected claims. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 17 and 19-25 have been canceled herein without prejudice to the filing of concurrent and/or future continuations and/or divisionals. Claims 6, 9, 15 and 18 have been rewritten in independent form while Claims 7 and 16 now depend on rewritten Claims 6 and 15.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the figures as being informal. Applicant respectfully submits formal figures herewith and requests the Examiner to withdraw the drawing objections.

Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification because the abstract of the disclosure contains more than 150 words. Applicant respectfully submits that the specification has been amended and the abstract has been replaced with a paragraph containing less than 150 words. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection to the specification.

Claims

Claims 19-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner points out that the phrase “the PIM database” in Claim 19 lacks antecedent basis (and Claim 26 depends on Claim 25, which depends on Claim 19). Additionally, Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Kuhn et al and Claims 2, 5, 11, 14, 20, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Kuhn et al. in view of Goldberg et al.

Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1-5, 8, 10-14, 17 and 19-25 have been canceled herein without prejudice to the filing of concurrent and/or future continuations and/or divisionals. The rejections to these claims are therefore moot. With respect to Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16 and 18, the Examiner states that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Additionally, the Examiner submits that Claim 26 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that per the Examiner's request, Claims 6, 9, 15, 18 and 26 have been amended and/or rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 7 and 16 remain in original form but are now dependent on amended Claims 6 and 15, thus effectively including all the limitations of these amended claims.

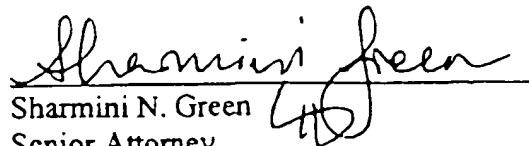
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that pending Claims 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, 18 and 26 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

If there are any additional charges, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0221.

Respectfully submitted,

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